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### CLARK'S FALLS

Great Quantities of Laurel Being Gathered and Sent to New York—Five Men from Westerly Picking It by the Cartload.

Miss Julia Fleming resumed her school duties in this district Monday after spending the Easter vacation at her home in Grafton, Mass. She was accompanied by Dorothy M. Collins.

**Ruthless Picking of Laurel.**  
Five Syrian men from Westerly are lodging in one of A. M. Clark's tenements. They have been busy gathering mountain laurel for decorating purposes, breaking off the tips that soon would be in blossom. J. D. MacCallum has delivered several two-horse loads at the Westerly depot for shipment to New York. Mountain laurel is the state flower of Connecticut. Not only its glossy green leaves but its pink and white blossoms are very attractive. It is very plentiful in this part of the state, but residents here don't want it exterminated. While some owners of land make no objection to the picking of laurel, others are not as willing to part with it, and have ordered the men off their premises. In one instance a man emphasized his words with a shotgun.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving C. Eccleston were callers on relatives here Wednesday on their way home from Westerly to West Ashwille.

Corp. Thomas Callahan of Camp Devens was at his home here recently.

**Take Possession of Farm.**  
Mr. Bonnar and sister and the latter's husband, Mr. Williamson, of

Westerly, have taken possession of the farm which Mr. Bonnar bought of John B. Ferry. Mr. Bonnar and Mr. Williamson continue to work at Westerly, going by automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Mario Host are now with the latter's parents, just north of this village. Mrs. Maine was in Westerly Wednesday and was accompanied home by the newlyweds.

### ATTAWAUGAN

News Received of Safe Arrival of Boys of Battery D.

Mrs. George Colby visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rollinson several days this week.

George Colby and John Hemmingsway of Phoenix called on friends here on Sunday.

Mrs. Ironhorn and Mrs. Bert Chase and child were in Norwich Tuesday.

Elmer C. Wood is ill.

Mrs. Louis Morgan of Turner Falls visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nason, over the week end.

Bernard Caffery, Jr., of Dayville is visiting his grandmother.

Herbert Thynne has returned home from Chester, Pa., where she has been all winter.

Louis Aldrich of Jewett City called on friends here last week.

There was a dance at the Social hall Saturday evening.

**Safely Across.**  
Word has been received here of the safe arrival overseas of Odelard Obin, Arthur Shepard, Walter Rollinson, Ovid Jarvis, Edwin Heselton, Edgar Mathieu, and James Stockton, of this place whom are members of Battery D, that left Fort Terry two weeks ago.

**East Haddam.**—The pupils of the Pine Brook school, which is taught by Miss Mary Cavanaugh, have been enrolled in junior members of the Red Cross society for the year 1918, with 100 per cent. membership. The children have shown their patriotism by doing this and should be proud to think their school is the first in town to receive this honor.

## WAR NEWS DIGEST

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts

### Ordnance Department Provides Cars for Field Use.

Among the standard motor vehicles being provided by the Ordnance Department are the following:

The ammunition truck, which has a steel body designed to accommodate packing boxes of any type of ammunition mounted on a four-wheel drive truck chassis. The equipment repair truck, making use of the same type of chassis, has bins and drawers for spare parts and material for repairing personnel equipment, rifles and machine guns, leather equipment, etc.

The artillery repair truck has a four-wheel drive chassis and a small machine shop body with equipment consisting of a lathe, drill press, bench grinder, electric drill, welding outfit, air riveting hammer, milling attachment, blacksmith outfit, and other tools. Electric power is supplied by a gasoline-driven generator.

The 3½-ton artillery tractor weighs about 5,000 pounds and is capable of making 15 miles an hour under favorable road conditions. The 5-ton artillery tractor, weighing 9,000 pounds and capable of a speed of 6 miles an hour, will handle a load of 10,000 pounds. It is intended for use with 4.7 inch gun and 8-inch howitzer material. A load of 18,000 pounds is the maximum for the 10-ton artillery tractor, which will make about 4½ miles an hour on high speed.

The 15-ton artillery tractor and the 120-horsepower artillery tractor will be supplied in limited numbers. They are of the track-laying type similar to those used by the French and British Governments and are for heavy loads which are not subdivided for transportation.

Other standard motor equipment consists of the pool and fire-control truck with a four-wheel drive truck chassis and rear wheels replaced by caterpillar tracks; reconnaissance car, a 1-ton truck capable of a speed of from 30 to 40 miles an hour; the light repair truck, weighing about 2,400 pounds; the 1½-ton trailer for aircraft guns; the 3-inch field gun trailer, which is utilized for hauling ammunition as well as the 3-inch gun material.

Tanks and other armored land vehicles are designed, procured, and maintained by the Ordnance Department.

There has been a constant effort to keep the variety of vehicles and parts to a minimum. Only one size of tire is used on all the heavier trucks and trailers; this size also being used on similar vehicles by the Quartermaster Corps, Signal Corps, and Engineers. The same magneto is used on all types of ordinance vehicles. All types of ordinance truck bodies are interchangeable on all truck chassis issued to the Artillery.

### Course Prepared to Train Men for Technical Employment.

A war emergency course to train selected men for machine-shop occupations, blacksmithing, sheet-metal working, and pipe fitting has been prepared by the Federal Board for Vocational Education and will be distributed to the schools throughout the country. It is known as bulletin No. 8.

The board is acting with the War Department in these courses of study and in dealing with the State authorities in charge of the schools.

### Australian Farmers May Put Cattle on Wheat Land.

Recently there has been considerable discussion through the press and at public meetings in Australia concerning the advisability of producing more beef cattle and soiling less acreage to wheat, according to a report to the Department of Commerce.

### New Card Record to Expedite Pay of Men in Service.

There is being prepared in the Adjutant General's office a new "pay card" which will be kept by the personnel officer and will show the pay status of the man at all times. Should a man be transferred or detached from his company he will carry his card with him. This is expected to eliminate the many causes for delayed payments of men so transferred, and to do away with many of the annoyances that have heretofore existed.

### Raw Cotton from United States Goes to Spain.

The War Trade Board has granted licenses for raw cotton to Spain in quantities sufficient to load several Spanish vessels. This action provides cotton necessary to fill the normal requirements of the Spanish mills.

Under the agreement with Spain that nation permits free export to the allies of certain commodities in return

for which the United States permits so far as consistent with its conservation policies, the export to Spain of necessary supplies of cotton and other commodities to cover genuine Spanish requirements.

### Weekly Examinations to Fill Positions in Civil Service.

So urgent is the Government's need for bookkeepers that civil service examinations to fill positions of this character will be held throughout the United States each Tuesday until further notice. Women as well as men are eligible.

Two classes of examinations are announced. A grammar-school education or its equivalent is required of applicants for either class, with the further stipulation that those who wish to take the bookkeeper-type examination must have had at least six months' experience in bookkeeping; and those who would undertake the clerk-bookkeeper examination, one year's experience in clerical work, six months of which must have been in bookkeeping. The vacancies to be filled from the register obtained from these examinations are in the departmental service at Washington and offer entrance salaries of \$1,000 a year.

These examinations are open not only to all citizens of the United States but also to subjects of allied nations who are otherwise qualified for the positions offered.

A national school poster competition has been put under way by the National War Savings Committee. Prizes of war savings stamps are to be awarded for the best posters dealing with war-savings stamps and certificates, designed by pupils of public schools and art schools. The contest will close May 15.

The Norwegian Government has appropriated \$7,000,000 to assist in extensive agricultural development. Of this amount, \$4,500,000 is to maintain low maximum prices for cattle feed and fertilizer.

New Japanese concerns numbering over 100 are reported as having entered business at Shanghai during 1917. The Japanese population is rapidly increasing, now being about 14,000.

A standard system of inspection by which Federal food administrators may keep a check on commercial bankers is being worked out by the Department of Agriculture and the Food Administration.

[The following notes are from the Official Review of the War, issued by the Committee on Public Information.]

The annual pay of the Army now exceeds \$500,000,000.

Production of 10,000 new automobile trucks is in progress for the Army.

The Navy ration in 1917 cost \$0.48, as against \$0.3784 in 1916.

Our 14-inch guns weigh nearly 95 tons and are over 58 feet long, costing \$138,000.

Our 35,000-ton cruiser, capable of 35 knots, will be the fastest in the world.

About 60,000 officers and men are engaged in coast patrol work of the Navy.

American troops permanently took over a part of the firing line as an American sector in January, 1918.

The Navy will have in its possession a stock of supplies sufficient for average requirements for one year.

More than 70,000 acres of land in this country has been planted with castorbean plants to produce oil for aircraft.

During 12 months the Army hospitals increased from 7 to 83 in number and from 5,000 to 58,400 beds; 30,000 more beds are being added.

The disbursements and outstanding obligations of the Navy during the first year of the war are estimated at \$1,331,000,000. The total naval appropriations, real and pending, are \$3,333,771,565.

There are now four times as many vessels in naval service as a year ago. The estimated pay of officers and men in the Navy for the first year of war was \$125,000,000.

The air personnel in the first year of war increased from 65 officers and 1,129 men to one hundred and thirty number. Eleven kinds of school have been installed.

Several hundred submarine chasers, built since the war, have been delivered to the Navy by 31 private concerns and 6 navy yards; many of these boats have crossed the Atlantic, some in severe weather.

Through a card catalogue system 109,487 men have been transferred out of Army divisions into technical units to function according to individual educational, occupational, and military qualifications.

During the first year of war the Army paid \$50,000,000 for horse-drawn vehicles and harness; more than \$50,000,000 for horses, mules, and harness. Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, for fuel and forage are estimated at more than \$500,000,000.

To February 20, the Director General of Military Railways had placed orders for railway supplies valued at \$142,000,000 and with an aggregate weight of 754,000 long tons; the General Engineer Depot, to February 1, issued 9,500 orders for material valued at \$302,000,000.

Among the purchases of the Quartermaster's Department are 61,000,000 pounds of prunes and dried beans, 273,000,000 cans of tomatoes, condensed milk, and baked beans; 40,000,000 yards of mosquito bar; 75,000,000 yards of olive drab; 30,000,000 woolen blankets; 31,000,000 pairs of woolen drawers; 50,000,000 pairs of heavy stockings; 11,000,000 wool coats.

The Ordnance program includes the purchase of 23,000,000 hand grenades, 735,000 automatic pistols, 250,000 revolvers, 23,000,000 projectiles for heavy artillery, 127,246,000 pounds of explosives, 240,000 machine guns, and 2,484,000 rifles.

Congress has authorized \$2,634,000,000 of which sum \$1,155,000,000 has been appropriated for the United States Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation; on March 1, 1918, \$47,953,377 of this sum had been expended.

The Emergency Fleet Corporation had requisitioned March 1, 425 steel vessels and contracted for 720 steel vessels, making a total of 1,145 steel ships, of an aggregate dead-weight tonnage of 1,164,558 tons; it had let contracts for 450 wooden vessels, aggregating approximately 1,715,000 dead-weight tons; it had repaired and put in operation 733,000 dead-weight tonnage seized from Germany and Austria. On March 5 the building program of the Emergency Fleet Corporation was being carried on in 151 plants.

### MT. HOPE

Charles Southworth has returned from Willimantic after spending a few days in the hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Adele Ford spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Jennie Bacon, returning to Norwich Monday.

Miss Mary Brown of New London and Miss Katherine Fletcher of Staten Island were visitors at Mrs. Jennie Bacon's last week.

Frank Young of Brooklyn has returned after spending a few days at home.

Arthur Burdick will be out on the road with his new car in a few days.



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